

Township of Prairieville
Barry County, Michigan
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**
Year ended March 31, 2008

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Township of Prairieville
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Prairieville's (the Township) financial performance provides a narrative overview of the Township's financial activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Township's total net assets increased by \$64,650 (3 percent) as a result of this year's activities.
- Of the \$2,153,475 total net assets reported, \$1,069,299 (50 percent) is unrestricted, or available to be used at the Board's discretion.
- The General Fund's unreserved, undesignated fund balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$983,652, which represents 116 percent of the actual total General Fund expenditures for the current fiscal year.

Overview of the financial statements

The Township's annual financial report is comprised of four parts: management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and an optional section that presents combining statements for nonmajor governmental funds. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Township:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Township's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Township, reporting the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.
 - Governmental fund statements tell how general government services, like public safety, were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

A comparative analysis of the basic financial statements for 2008 and 2007 is also presented.

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Township as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the Township's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Township's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets (the difference between the Township's assets and liabilities) is one way to measure the Township's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Township, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the Township's property tax base and the condition of the Township's capital assets.

The government-wide financial statements include one category of activity:

- *Governmental activities* - Most of the Township's basic services are included here, such as police protection, fire protection, and general government. Property taxes and state shared revenue finance most of these activities.

Fund financial statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Township's most significant funds - not the Township as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Township uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond agreements.
- The Township Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (like fees collected to finance parks operations) or to show that it is properly using certain other revenues (like special assessments collected for the Southwest Barry County Sewer Fund).

The Township has two kinds of funds:

- **Governmental funds.** Most of the Township's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash, and other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash, flows in and out and, (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Township's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental fund statements that explains the relationship between them.
- **Fiduciary funds.** These funds are used to account for the collection and disbursement of resources, primarily taxes, for the benefit of parties outside the government. The Township is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. The Township's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net assets. We exclude these activities from the Township's government-wide financial statements because the Township cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Net assets. Total net assets at the end of the fiscal year were \$2,153,475, an increase of 3 percent compared to the prior year. Of this total, \$986,205 is invested in capital assets (net of related debt) and \$277,190 is restricted for various purposes. Consequently, unrestricted net assets were \$1,069,299 or 50 percent of the total.

Condensed financial information
Net Assets

	<i>Governmental activities</i>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 1,750,421	\$ 1,844,868
Capital assets	<u>986,205</u>	<u>1,069,343</u>
Total assets	<u>2,736,626</u>	<u>2,914,211</u>
Current liabilities	78,486	54,142
Long-term debt	<u>504,665</u>	<u>771,244</u>
Total liabilities	<u>583,151</u>	<u>825,386</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	806,986	827,683
Restricted	277,190	287,316
Unrestricted	<u>1,069,299</u>	<u>973,826</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,153,475</u>	<u>\$ 2,088,825</u>

Township of Prairieville
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Changes in net assets. The Township's total revenues are \$1,031,652. More than 48 percent of the Township's revenues come from property taxes, 24 percent comes from charges for services, and 21 percent comes from state shared revenue.

The total cost of all the Township's programs, covering a wide range of services, totaled \$967,002. Public safety costs account for 40 percent of the costs while general government costs amount to 31 percent of the total costs.

Condensed financial information
Changes in net assets

	<i>Governmental activities</i>	
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 247,884	\$ 230,726
Operating grants and contributions	14,757	5,143
Capital grants and contributions	-	15,487
General revenues:		
Property taxes	495,532	471,908
State shared revenue	213,589	216,591
Interest income	42,320	45,214
Franchise fees	14,019	13,890
Miscellaneous	3,551	-
Total revenues	1,031,652	998,959
Expenses:		
Legislative	5,977	4,764
General government	297,754	315,297
Public safety	382,183	351,610
Public works	101,700	119,642
Community and economic development	37,964	28,696
Recreation and culture	113,672	104,970
Interest	27,752	33,993
Total expenses	967,002	958,972
Increase in net assets	\$ 64,650	\$ 39,987

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Township's net assets by \$64,650 in 2008 compared to a \$39,987 increase in 2007. The increase in the current year was greater than the prior year because the increase in revenues, primarily property taxes, outpaced the increase in expenses. Expenses increased by less than one percent in the current year.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$967,002. After subtracting the direct charges to those who directly benefited from the programs (\$247,884), and operating and capital grants (\$14,757), the "public benefit" portion covered by taxes, state revenue sharing, and other general revenues was \$704,361.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

Governmental funds. As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Township's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,276,274, an increase of \$53,046 in comparison with the prior year. Of the total fund balances, \$1,198,182 (94 percent) is available for spending at the Township's discretion, while \$38,000 is reserved for a long-term advance and \$40,092 is reserved for debt service.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Township. At the end of the fiscal year, unreserved fund balance was \$983,652 an increase of \$41,682 compared to the prior fiscal year. The fund balance increased because revenues increased by nearly \$45,000 while expenditures remained constant. Inspections fees and property taxes increased by \$24,165 and \$10,954, respectively. Operating transfers in from other governmental funds were sufficient to cover related costs reported in the General Fund .

The Fire Fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$17,232. Property tax revenue in the current year exceeded the transfer to General Fund to cover the public safety costs recorded there.

General Fund budgetary highlights

The Township amended its budget by decreasing total budgeted expenditures \$66,281 to reflect reductions in anticipated costs. There were no significant budget variances.

Capital assets and debt administration

Capital assets

The Township's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of March 31, 2008, amounts to \$986,205 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes a broad range of assets, including land, buildings and improvements, police and fire equipment, vehicles, and shared road infrastructure costs. The decrease in the Township's net investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$83,138.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Purchase of intruder shields amounting \$3,585

More detailed information about the Township's capital assets is presented in Note 5 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

Long-term debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the Township had total long-term debt outstanding in the amount of \$504,665, which represents a decrease of \$266,579 or 35 percent. The decrease represents principal payments that were all made in a timely manner. No new debt was issued during the year. All of the debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the Township.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt the Township can issue to 10 percent of its total state equalized assessed value of property. The Township's total debt is significantly lower than the current state-imposed limit of \$18,892,618.

More detailed information about the Township's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 6 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

Economic condition and outlook

Due to the reduction in revenue sharing and the current outlook on today's economy, the Township's elected officials chose to not take any raises this fiscal year, but did give wage increases to our employees at a minimum rate. Our millage rate will remain the same due to the passing of the millage request on the August ballot. With the increase in building permits, the Township should continue to see an increase in its taxable value.

Contacting the Township's financial management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the resources it receives. Questions regarding any information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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Township of Prairieville
10115 S. Norris Road
Delton, Michigan 49046

Phone: (269) 623-2664

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**Board of Trustees
Township of Prairieville, Michigan**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Prairieville, Michigan, as of March 31, 2008, and for the year then ended, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, as listed in the contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Prairieville, Michigan's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Prairieville, Michigan, as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedule, as listed in the contents, are not a required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Prairieville, Michigan's basic financial statements. The supplementary information, as listed in the contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Sigfried Crandall P.C.

September 19, 2008

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Township of Prairieville
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
March 31, 2008

	<u>Governmental activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,177,314
Amounts on deposit with fiscal agent	28,390
Receivables	187,623
Due from other funds	38,000
Prepaid expenses	<u>16,700</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,448,027</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Receivables	302,394
Capital assets, not being depreciated - land	100,282
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>885,923</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>1,288,599</u>
Total assets	<u>2,736,626</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Payables	27,787
Due from other funds	38,000
Deferred revenue	12,699
Current maturities of contracts, bonds, and notes payable	<u>145,777</u>
Total current liabilities	224,263
Noncurrent liabilities - contracts, bonds, and notes payable	<u>358,888</u>
Total liabilities	<u>583,151</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	806,986
Restricted for:	
Public safety	57,953
Public works	104,088
Recreation and culture	67,169
Debt service	47,980
Unrestricted	<u>1,069,299</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,153,475</u>

See notes to financial statements

Township of Prairieville
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Program revenues</u>				<u>Net (expenses) revenues and changes in net assets</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for services</u>	<u>Operating grants and contributions</u>	<u>Capital grants and contributions</u>	<u>Governmental activities</u>
Functions/Programs					
Governmental activities:					
Legislative	\$ 5,977	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,977)
General government	297,754	64,801	-	-	(232,953)
Public safety	382,183	60,397	10,756	-	(311,030)
Public works	101,700	18,021	4,001	-	(79,678)
Community and economic development	37,964	7,809	-	-	(30,155)
Recreation and culture	113,672	76,385	-	-	(37,287)
Interest on long-term debt	<u>27,752</u>	<u>20,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,281)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 967,002</u>	<u>\$ 247,884</u>	<u>\$ 14,757</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(704,361)</u>
General revenues:					
Property taxes					495,532
State shared revenue					213,589
Franchise fees					14,019
Unrestricted interest income					42,320
Other					<u>3,551</u>
Total general revenues					<u>769,011</u>
Change in net assets					64,650
Net assets - beginning					<u>2,088,825</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 2,153,475</u>

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Township of Prairieville
BALANCE SHEET - governmental funds
 March 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Southwest Barry County Sewer</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 942,108	\$ 47,690	\$ -
Amount on deposit with fiscal agent	-	-	-
Receivables	55,234	10,263	228,499
Due from other funds	<u>38,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,035,342</u>	<u>\$ 57,953</u>	<u>\$ 228,499</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Payables	\$ 13,690	\$ -	\$ 13,053
Due to other funds	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,446</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,499</u>
Fund balances:			
Reserved for:			
Long-term advance	38,000	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Unreserved	983,652	57,953	-
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:			
Special revenue funds	-	-	-
Capital project funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>1,021,652</u>	<u>57,953</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,035,342</u>	<u>\$ 57,953</u>	<u>\$ 228,499</u>

Total fund balances - total governmental funds

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (page 5) are different because:

Capital assets used in *governmental activities* are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Prepaid expenses are not a current financial resource and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Other long-term assets, special assessments, are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.

Long-term liabilities, including contract and bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net assets of *governmental activities*

<u>Little Long Lake Sewer</u>	<u>North Lakeshore Drive</u>	<u>Total nonmajor governmental funds</u>	<u>Total governmental funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 20,068	\$ 167,448	\$ 1,177,314
28,390	-	-	28,390
121,186	25,270	49,565	490,017
-	-	-	38,000
<u>\$ 149,576</u>	<u>\$ 45,338</u>	<u>\$ 217,013</u>	<u>\$ 1,733,721</u>

\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,044	\$ 27,787
-	38,000	-	38,000
<u>117,888</u>	<u>25,269</u>	<u>33,057</u>	<u>391,660</u>
<u>117,888</u>	<u>63,269</u>	<u>34,101</u>	<u>457,447</u>

-	-	-	38,000
31,688	-	8,404	40,092
-	(17,931)	-	1,023,674
-	-	152,395	152,395
-	-	22,113	22,113
<u>31,688</u>	<u>(17,931)</u>	<u>182,912</u>	<u>1,276,274</u>
<u>\$ 149,576</u>	<u>\$ 45,338</u>	<u>\$ 217,013</u>	<u>\$ 1,733,721</u>

\$ 1,276,274

986,205

16,700

378,961

(504,665)

\$ 2,153,475

See notes to financial statements

Township of Prairieville**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - governmental funds**

Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Southwest Barry County Sewer</u>
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 154,800	\$ 163,438	\$ -
Licenses and permits	72,423	-	-
State grants	227,000	-	-
Charges for services	23,847	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	1,902	-	-
Interest and rentals	32,291	2,507	12,663
Other	13,129	-	124,138
	<u>525,392</u>	<u>165,945</u>	<u>136,801</u>
Total revenues			
	<u>525,392</u>	<u>165,945</u>	<u>136,801</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Legislative	5,977	-	-
General government	282,059	-	-
Public safety	312,950	-	-
Public works	80,205	-	-
Community and economic development	37,964	-	-
Recreation and culture	44,000	-	-
Capital outlay	12,872	-	-
Debt service:			
Principal	62,441	-	124,138
Interest	8,320	-	12,663
	<u>846,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,801</u>
Total expenditures			
	<u>846,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,801</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(321,396)</u>	<u>165,945</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	363,078	-	-
Transfers out	-	(148,713)	-
	<u>363,078</u>	<u>(148,713)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)			
	<u>363,078</u>	<u>(148,713)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>41,682</u>	<u>17,232</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>979,970</u>	<u>40,721</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,021,652</u>	<u>\$ 57,953</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>Little Long Lake Sewer</u>	<u>North Lakeshore Drive</u>	<u>Total nonmajor governmental funds</u>	<u>Total governmental funds</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,140	\$ 532,378
-	-	-	72,423
-	-	-	227,000
1,685	-	64,886	90,418
-	-	-	1,902
6,653	1,554	21,414	77,082
<u>16,962</u>	<u>10,159</u>	<u>31,098</u>	<u>195,486</u>
<u>25,300</u>	<u>11,713</u>	<u>331,538</u>	<u>1,196,689</u>
-	-	-	5,977
-	-	-	282,059
-	-	-	312,950
-	-	6,314	86,519
-	-	-	37,964
-	-	66,121	110,121
-	-	850	13,722
50,000	-	30,000	266,579
<u>5,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,479</u>	<u>27,752</u>
<u>55,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,764</u>	<u>1,143,643</u>
<u>(29,990)</u>	<u>11,713</u>	<u>226,774</u>	<u>53,046</u>
-	-	-	363,078
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(214,365)</u>	<u>(363,078)</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(214,365)</u>	<u>-</u>
(29,990)	11,713	12,409	53,046
<u>61,678</u>	<u>(29,644)</u>	<u>170,503</u>	<u>1,223,228</u>
<u>\$ 31,688</u>	<u>\$ (17,931)</u>	<u>\$ 182,912</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,274</u>

See notes to financial statements

Township of Prairieville

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - governmental funds (Continued)**

Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u><i>Total governmental funds</i></u>
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 8)	\$ 53,046
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of activities (page 6) are different because:	
Capital assets:	
Assets acquired	3,585
Provision for depreciation	(86,723)
Long-term debt - principal repayments	266,579
Changes in other assets/liabilities:	
Net increase in prepaid expenses	(6,800)
Net decrease in deferred revenue	<u>(165,037)</u>
Change in net assets of <i>governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ 64,650</u>

See notes to financial statements

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Township of Prairieville, Michigan (the Township), conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

a) Reporting entity:

The accompanying financial statements present only the Township. There are no component units, entities for which the Township is considered to be financially accountable.

b) Government-wide and fund financial statements:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Township. The effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources, measurement focus, and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources, measurement focus, and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township generally considers property tax revenues to be available if they are expected to be collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

State grants, licenses and permits, charges for services, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessment receivables due within the current year is considered susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable only when cash is received by the Township.

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued):

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes and state shared revenue.

The Fire Fund accounts for the financial resources used for the operational costs of the Township public safety functions. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Southwest Barry County Sewer Fund accounts for the financial resources used for payment of debt related to sewer improvements.

The Little Long Lake Sewer Fund accounts for the financial resources used for payment of debt related to sewer improvements.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Amounts reported as program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Township's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

d) Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity:

i) Bank deposits - Cash is considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Pooled interest income is proportionately allocated to all funds.

ii) Receivables - No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as the Township considers all receivables to be fully collectible.

iii) Prepaid items - Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements.

iv) Capital assets - Capital assets, which include property, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., shared road costs and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$500 (\$10,000 for infrastructure assets) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Governments can elect to account for infrastructure assets either retroactively to June 15, 1980, or prospectively. The Township has elected to account for infrastructure assets prospectively, beginning April 1, 2004.

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

d) Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity (continued):

iv) Capital assets (continued) - Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Land improvements	20 years
Buildings and improvements	25 - 50 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	4 - 20 years
Shared road costs	20 years

v) Deferred revenue - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with resources that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned.

vi) Fund equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

vii) Property tax revenue recognition - Property taxes are levied as of December 1 on property values assessed as of December 31 of the prior year. The billings are due on or before February 14, after which time the bill becomes delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the Township. Property tax revenue is recognized in the year for which taxes have been levied and become available. The Township levy date is December 1, and, accordingly, the total levy is recognized as revenue in the current year.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

Budgetary information - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general and special revenue funds. The budget document presents information by fund, function, and department. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the activity level. All annual appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. There were no significant budget variances.

Excess of expenditures over appropriations - The Township had the following significant budget variances:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amended budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	Capital outlay	Capital outlay	\$ 10,191	\$ 12,872	\$ (2,681)

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 3 - CASH:

The Township's cash is as follows:

	<u>Governmental activities</u>
Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 1,177,064
Cash on hand	<u>250</u>
	<u>\$ 1,177,314</u>

State statutes and the Township's investment policy authorize the Township to make deposits in the accounts of federally-insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the Township will not be able to recover its deposits. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by federal depository insurance. At March 31, 2008, \$917,679 of the Township's bank balances of \$1,217,679 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured. The Township believes that it is impractical to insure all bank deposits due to the amounts of the deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the risk level of each institution. Only the institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES:

Receivables as of year end for the Township's funds are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Property taxes</u>	<u>Special assessments</u>	<u>Inter- governmental</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General	\$ 11,913	\$ 9,208	\$ -	\$ 34,113	\$ 55,234
Fire	-	10,263	-	-	10,263
Southwest Barry County Sewer	-	-	228,499	-	228,499
Little Long Lake Sewer	-	-	121,186	-	121,186
North Lake Shore Drive	-	-	25,270	-	25,270
Nonmajor governmental	<u>-</u>	<u>13,446</u>	<u>36,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,565</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 11,913</u>	<u>\$ 32,917</u>	<u>\$ 411,074</u>	<u>\$ 34,113</u>	<u>\$ 490,017</u>
Noncurrent portion	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 302,394</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 302,394</u>

All receivables are considered fully collectible.

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital asset activity for the year ended March 31, 2008, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated - land	\$ 100,282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,282
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	71,450	-	-	71,450
Buildings and improvements	244,434	-	-	244,434
Equipment	374,309	3,585	-	377,894
Vehicles	640,670	-	-	640,670
Shared road costs	303,621	-	-	303,621
Subtotal	1,634,484	3,585	-	1,638,069
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(32,536)	(3,448)	-	(35,984)
Buildings and improvements	(155,331)	(6,298)	-	(161,629)
Equipment	(202,225)	(23,082)	-	(225,307)
Vehicles	(251,359)	(38,714)	-	(290,073)
Shared road costs	(23,972)	(15,181)	-	(39,153)
Subtotal	(665,423)	(86,723)	-	(752,146)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	969,061	(83,138)	-	885,923
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,069,343	\$ (83,138)	\$ -	\$ 986,205

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Township as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 8,407
Public safety	56,998
Public works	15,181
Recreation and culture	6,137
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 86,723</u>

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt at March 31, 2008, is comprised of the following individual issues:

Contracts payable:

The Township has a contractual agreement to remit to the Southwest Barry County Sewer and Water Authority (the Authority) all principal and interest collections arising from special assessments levied on properties served by the Authority. In the event that the Authority is unable to meet its debt service requirements, an assessment may be made against the Township. \$ 215,446

\$114,635 Contract payable - Barry County Road Commission, Michigan, due in annual installments of \$28,500 to \$29,135. Final payment is due June 2008. 28,818

Bonds payable:

\$265,000 2003 special assessment limited tax general obligation bonds; payable in annual installments ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, plus interest ranging from 1.60% to 4.60%; final payment due June 2014. 110,000

Installment purchase:

\$237,848 2006 installment purchase agreement for the purchase of a fire truck, due in annual installments of \$20,000 to \$41,944, including interest at 4.426%. Final payment is due June 2011. 150,401

\$ 504,665

Long-term debt activity for the year ended March 31, 2008, was as follows:

	<i>Beginning balance</i>	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Reductions</i>	<i>Ending balance</i>	<i>Amounts due within one year</i>
Governmental activities:					
Contract payable - Sewer	\$ 339,584	\$ -	\$ (124,138)	\$ 215,446	\$ 71,815
Contract payable - Roads	57,635	-	(28,817)	28,818	28,818
2001 Bonds payable	30,000	-	(30,000)	-	-
2003 Bonds payable	160,000	-	(50,000)	110,000	10,000
2006 Installment purchase	<u>184,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,624)</u>	<u>150,401</u>	<u>35,144</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 771,244</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (266,579)</u>	<u>\$ 504,665</u>	<u>\$ 145,777</u>

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued):

At March 31, 2008, debt service requirements on long-term debt are follows:

<u>Year ended</u> <u>March 31:</u>	<u>Governmental activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$ 145,777	\$ 24,090
2010	128,548	17,461
2011	130,210	10,705
2012	60,130	3,824
2013	20,000	1,227
2014	20,000	415
	<u>\$ 504,665</u>	<u>\$ 57,722</u>

All debt is secured by the full faith and credit of the Township.

NOTE 7 - PAYABLES:

Payables as of year end for the Township's funds are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Inter- governmental</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General	\$ 6,737	\$ 6,953	\$ -	\$ 13,690
Southwest Barry County Sewer	-	-	13,053	13,053
Nonmajor governmental	<u>1,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,044</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,781</u>	<u>\$ 6,953</u>	<u>\$ 13,053</u>	<u>\$ 27,787</u>

NOTE 8 - DEFERRED REVENUE:

As of March 31, 2008, the various components of deferred revenues are as follows:

	<u>Unearned</u>	<u>Unavailable</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Special assessments	<u>\$ 12,699</u>	<u>\$ 378,961</u>	<u>\$ 391,660</u>

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 9 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS:

At March 31, 2008, the composition of interfund balances follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Payable</u>
General	\$ 38,000	North Lakeshore Drive	\$ 38,000

The General Fund advanced funds to the North Lakeshore Drive Fund, a capital project fund, to finance the cost of road reconstruction in 2006.

A summary of interfund transfers for the year ended March 31, 2008, is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers in</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers out</u>
General	\$ 363,078	Cemetery	\$ 5,000
		Road	106,365
		Fire	148,713
		Police	103,000
			\$ 363,078

Transfers to the General Fund are described as follows:

- Unrestricted revenues collected in the Cemetery Fund to pay for operational costs of the cemetery functions accounted for in the General Fund.
- Restricted revenues collected in the Road Fund to pay for operational costs of the public works functions accounted for in the General Fund.
- Restricted revenues collected in the Fire Fund to pay for operational costs of the fire departments accounted for in the General Fund.
- Restricted revenues collected in the Police Fund to pay for operational costs of the police department accounted for in the General Fund.

NOTE 10 - JOINT VENTURE:

BPH Fire is a joint venture of Barry, Prairieville, and Hope Townships. Each township is required to contribute one-third of the budgeted expenditures. In accordance with the joint venture agreement, the Township remitted \$25,189 to BPH Fire during the year ended March 31, 2008. The Township has no equity interest in BPH Fire.

Township of Prairieville
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for each of these claims and is neither self-insured nor participates in a shared-risk pool. Settled claims relating to commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 12 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN:

The Township provides pension benefits for substantially all of its full-time employees through a defined contribution plan. The plan covers all full-time employees (over 20 hours per week) and Township trustees. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan, plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. The Township contributes 10% of each qualified employee's base salary to the plan. The Township's contributions are fully vested immediately. The Township made the required contributions of \$14,001 for the year ended March 31, 2008.

The Township is not a trustee of the plan, nor is the Township responsible for investment management of plan assets.

NOTE 13 - CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT:

A summary of construction code enforcement transactions for the year ended March 31, 2008, is as follows:

Revenues	\$ 50,595
Expenses	<u>50,792</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (197)</u>

NOTE 14 - ACCUMULATED DEFICIT:

The North Lakeshore Drive Fund, a capital project fund, has an accumulated deficit fund balance in the amount of \$17,931. The deficit is the result of the accounting policy which limits revenue recognition for special assessments to amounts that have matured. The deficit will be eliminated as special assessments mature in subsequent years. The Township has filed a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Township of Prairieville
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund
Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Original budget</u>	<u>Amended budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance favorable (unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 153,270	\$ 150,619	\$ 154,800	\$ 4,181
Licenses and permits	51,800	66,923	72,423	5,500
State grants	230,365	229,509	227,000	(2,509)
Charges for services	29,710	31,091	23,847	(7,244)
Fines and forfeitures	2,500	1,900	1,902	2
Interest and rentals	20,600	32,156	32,291	135
Other	5,050	5,848	13,129	7,281
Total revenues	<u>493,295</u>	<u>518,046</u>	<u>525,392</u>	<u>7,346</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Legislative	<u>6,800</u>	<u>5,977</u>	<u>5,977</u>	<u>-</u>
General government:				
Supervisor	31,393	30,762	30,762	-
Election	4,150	6,401	6,401	-
Assessor	41,765	31,302	31,302	-
Clerk	35,775	35,304	35,304	-
Board of Review	1,000	1,087	1,087	-
Treasurer	32,225	31,756	31,756	-
Hall and grounds	15,850	14,449	14,444	5
Cemetery	21,090	22,379	23,175	(796)
Other	127,125	106,910	107,828	(918)
Total general government	<u>310,373</u>	<u>280,350</u>	<u>282,059</u>	<u>(1,709)</u>
Public safety:				
Police protection	181,685	169,266	158,394	10,872
Fire protection	116,704	102,723	102,324	399
Inspections	37,200	52,694	52,232	462
Total public safety	<u>335,589</u>	<u>324,683</u>	<u>312,950</u>	<u>11,733</u>
Public works:				
Road construction and maintenance	82,183	77,548	77,548	-
Street lights	2,500	2,657	2,657	-
Total public works	<u>84,683</u>	<u>80,205</u>	<u>80,205</u>	<u>-</u>

Township of Prairieville

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund (Continued)

Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Original budget</u>	<u>Amended budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance favorable (unfavorable)</u>
EXPENDITURES (Continued)				
Community and economic development - planning and zoning	\$ 41,200	\$ 37,964	\$ 37,964	\$ -
Recreation and culture - Delton Library	36,800	44,000	44,000	-
Capital outlay	33,650	10,191	12,872	(2,681)
Debt service:				
Principal	62,997	62,441	62,441	-
Interest	8,320	8,320	8,320	-
Total expenditures	920,412	854,131	846,788	7,343
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(427,117)</u>	<u>(336,085)</u>	<u>(321,396)</u>	<u>14,689</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in:				
Cemetery Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Road Fund	111,625	106,365	106,365	-
Fire Fund	161,836	148,713	148,713	-
Police Fund	100,405	103,000	103,000	-
Total transfers in	378,866	363,078	363,078	-
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(48,251)	26,993	41,682	14,689
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	979,970	979,970	979,970	-
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 931,719</u>	<u>\$1,006,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,021,652</u>	<u>\$ 14,689</u>

Township of Prairieville
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - Fire Fund
Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Original budget</u>	<u>Amended budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance favorable (unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 161,836	\$ 161,836	\$ 163,438	\$ 1,602
Interest and rentals	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,507</u>	<u>307</u>
Total revenues	164,036	164,036	165,945	1,909
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfer to General Fund	<u>(161,836)</u>	<u>(148,713)</u>	<u>(148,713)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	2,200	15,323	17,232	1,909
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>40,721</u>	<u>40,721</u>	<u>40,721</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 42,921</u>	<u>\$ 56,044</u>	<u>\$ 57,953</u>	<u>\$ 1,909</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Township of Prairieville
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - nonmajor governmental funds
 March 31, 2008

	<u>Special revenue funds</u>			
	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Park</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 19,802	\$ 34,951	\$ 596	\$ 68,213
Receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>7,079</u>	<u>6,367</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,802</u>	<u>\$ 42,030</u>	<u>\$ 6,963</u>	<u>\$ 68,213</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Payables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,044
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,044</u>
Fund balances (deficit):				
Reserved for debt service	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>19,802</u>	<u>42,030</u>	<u>6,963</u>	<u>67,169</u>
Total fund balances	<u>19,802</u>	<u>42,030</u>	<u>6,963</u>	<u>67,169</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 19,802</u>	<u>\$ 42,030</u>	<u>\$ 6,963</u>	<u>\$ 68,213</u>

<u>Special revenue funds</u>		<u>Capital project funds</u>		<u>Debt service fund</u>	
<u>Pine Lake Weed</u>	<u>Crooked Lake Weed</u>	<u>Long Point Drive</u>	<u>Oak Drive</u>	<u>South Crooked Lake Drive</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$ 298	\$ 14,627	\$ 11,236	\$ 10,005	\$ 7,720	\$ 167,448
-	14,205	-	21,230	684	49,565
<u>\$ 298</u>	<u>\$ 28,832</u>	<u>\$ 11,236</u>	<u>\$ 31,235</u>	<u>\$ 8,404</u>	<u>\$ 217,013</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,044
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	12,699	-	20,358	-	33,057
<u>-</u>	<u>12,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,101</u>
-	-	-	-	8,404	8,404
298	16,133	11,236	10,877	-	174,508
<u>298</u>	<u>16,133</u>	<u>11,236</u>	<u>10,877</u>	<u>8,404</u>	<u>182,912</u>
<u>\$ 298</u>	<u>\$ 28,832</u>	<u>\$ 11,236</u>	<u>\$ 31,235</u>	<u>\$ 8,404</u>	<u>\$ 217,013</u>

Township of Prairieville

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - nonmajor governmental funds**

Year ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Special revenue funds</u>			
	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Park</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ 112,738	\$ 101,402	\$ -
Charges for services	-	-	-	64,886
Interest and rentals	1,269	2,008	515	15,454
Other	-	-	-	30
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,269</u>	<u>114,746</u>	<u>101,917</u>	<u>80,370</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public works	-	-	-	-
Recreation and culture	-	-	-	66,121
Capital outlay	-	-	-	850
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,971</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,269	114,746	101,917	13,399
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating transfers out	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(106,365)</u>	<u>(103,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(3,731)	8,381	(1,083)	13,399
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>23,533</u>	<u>33,649</u>	<u>8,046</u>	<u>53,770</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 19,802</u>	<u>\$ 42,030</u>	<u>\$ 6,963</u>	<u>\$ 67,169</u>

<u>Special revenue funds</u>		<u>Capital project funds</u>		<u>Debt service fund</u>	
<u>Pine Lake Weed</u>	<u>Crooked Lake Weed</u>	<u>Long Point Drive</u>	<u>Oak Drive</u>	<u>South Crooked Lake Drive</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,140
-	-	-	-	-	64,886
-	-	-	1,013	1,155	21,414
-	13,769	3,522	4,511	9,266	31,098
-	13,769	3,522	5,524	10,421	331,538
-	6,314	-	-	-	6,314
-	-	-	-	-	66,121
-	-	-	-	-	850
-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
-	-	-	-	1,479	1,479
-	6,314	-	-	31,479	104,764
-	7,455	3,522	5,524	(21,058)	226,774
-	-	-	-	-	(214,365)
-	7,455	3,522	5,524	(21,058)	12,409
298	8,678	7,714	5,353	29,462	170,503
<u>\$ 298</u>	<u>\$ 16,133</u>	<u>\$ 11,236</u>	<u>\$ 10,877</u>	<u>\$ 8,404</u>	<u>\$ 182,912</u>

September 19, 2008

To the Board of Trustees
Township of Prairieville

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Prairieville for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 11, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Township of Prairieville are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2008. We noted no transactions entered into by the Township of Prairieville during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was capital asset depreciation.

Management's estimate of the capital asset depreciation is based on the estimated useful lives of the Township's capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital asset depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



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The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. Management has recorded all of our proposed audit adjustments.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter associated with the audits for the year ended March 31, 2008.

Other Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Township of Prairieville's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Communication Regarding Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Prairieville as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Township of Prairieville's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Our consideration of internal control included procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented, but it did not include procedures to test the operating effectiveness of controls and, accordingly, was not directed to discovering significant deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

The Township has not implemented a system of controls to prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, including procedures to achieve the objectives of recording revenue and expense accruals, identifications of major funds, the capitalization and depreciation of capital assets, and the presentation of financial statement disclosures. This is a recurring comment. The Township has determined that the additional benefits derived from implementing such a system would not outweigh the costs incurred to do so.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Prairieville and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sigfried Crandall P.C.